

Loch Leven Cornhouse
CH-684
Welcome vic.
Private

Circa 1850

Standing conspicuously on the northeastern corner of the intersection between Brentland Road and Fergusen Feusse Place, the Loch Leven cornhouse is an excellent example of 19th century agricultural architecture in Charles County. Once associated with the nearby 18th century dwelling of Loch Leven, the structure retains almost all of its original materials. Four bays in length, the heavy-braced frame building is set on a replacement concrete pier foundation. The front gable roof extends over the outer walls in wide eaves. Original wood shingles are visible under the current metal roof. During the mid 19th century, the dwelling, outbuildings and surrounding 660 acres, was owned by Barnes Compton, president of the Maryland Senate from 1868-1870.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-684

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Loch Leven Cornhouse
other

2. Location

street and number Northeast corner Brentland Rd & Fergusson not for publication
city, town Welcome X vicinity
county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Virginia Fuese, et al
street and number 8850 Fergusson Fuese Place telephone 301-934-1697
city, town Welcome state MD zip code 20693-3418

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 53 p. 2
city, town LaPlata liber 1753 folio 227

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

___ Contributing Resource in National Register District
___ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
___ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Recorded by HABS/HAER
___ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
___ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	___ public	X agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
___ building(s)	X private	___ commerce/trade	1
X structure	___ both	___ defense	___ buildings
___ site		___ domestic	___ sites
___ object		___ education	___ structures
		___ funerary	___ objects
		___ government	1 Total
		___ health care	
		___ industry	
		___ landscape	
		___ recreation/culture	
		___ religion	
		___ social	
		___ transportation	
		___ work in progress	
		___ unknown	
		___ vacant/not in use	
		___ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Loch Leven cornhouse, constructed during the middle of the 19th century, faces south and stands conspicuously on the northeast corner of the intersection of Brentland Road and Fergusson Feusse Place. Once associated with the nearby 18th century dwelling of Loch Leven (CH-43), the parcel containing the cornhouse has been subdivided and now includes approximately 90 acres. Retaining almost all of its original materials and features, the cornhouse consists of a 1-story, heavy-braced frame building set on a concrete pier foundation. The front gable roof extends over the outer walls in wide eaves. Hewn corner posts and intermediate posts support a hewn plate overlaid by joists that support a false plate. Down braces reinforce the corners and several interior vertical posts. The front and rear gables are clad in horizontal lapped wood siding, and the roof has been recovered with corrugated metal sheets. The interior of the crib is accessed through a wide panel door centered on the south gable end.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1830-1860

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates Mid 19th c.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Loch Leven Cornhouse is a large, four bay heavy timber framed structure believed to be constructed during the mid- 19th century. Containing a high degree of original material in a rural setting, it is an important reminder of Charles County's agricultural heritage.

Following the War of 1812, Charles County experienced a period of economic stability. Although competition from other tobacco-growing regions intensified during the first half of the 19th century, the large-scale planters seem to have maintained their economic stability. By 1820, most of the out migration caused by the depredations of war and the inability of small tenant farmers to prosper had ceased. Tobacco prices became unstable, and remained so throughout the early 19th century. However, the wealthiest of the landowners in the county remained prosperous. Many diversified their interests, investing in corn or wheat cultivation or in commercial industries, such as milling, fishing, and commerce.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1

Acreage of historical setting 660

Quadrangle name Mathias Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Loch Leven Cornhouse is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 53, Parcel 2.

11. Form Prepared By

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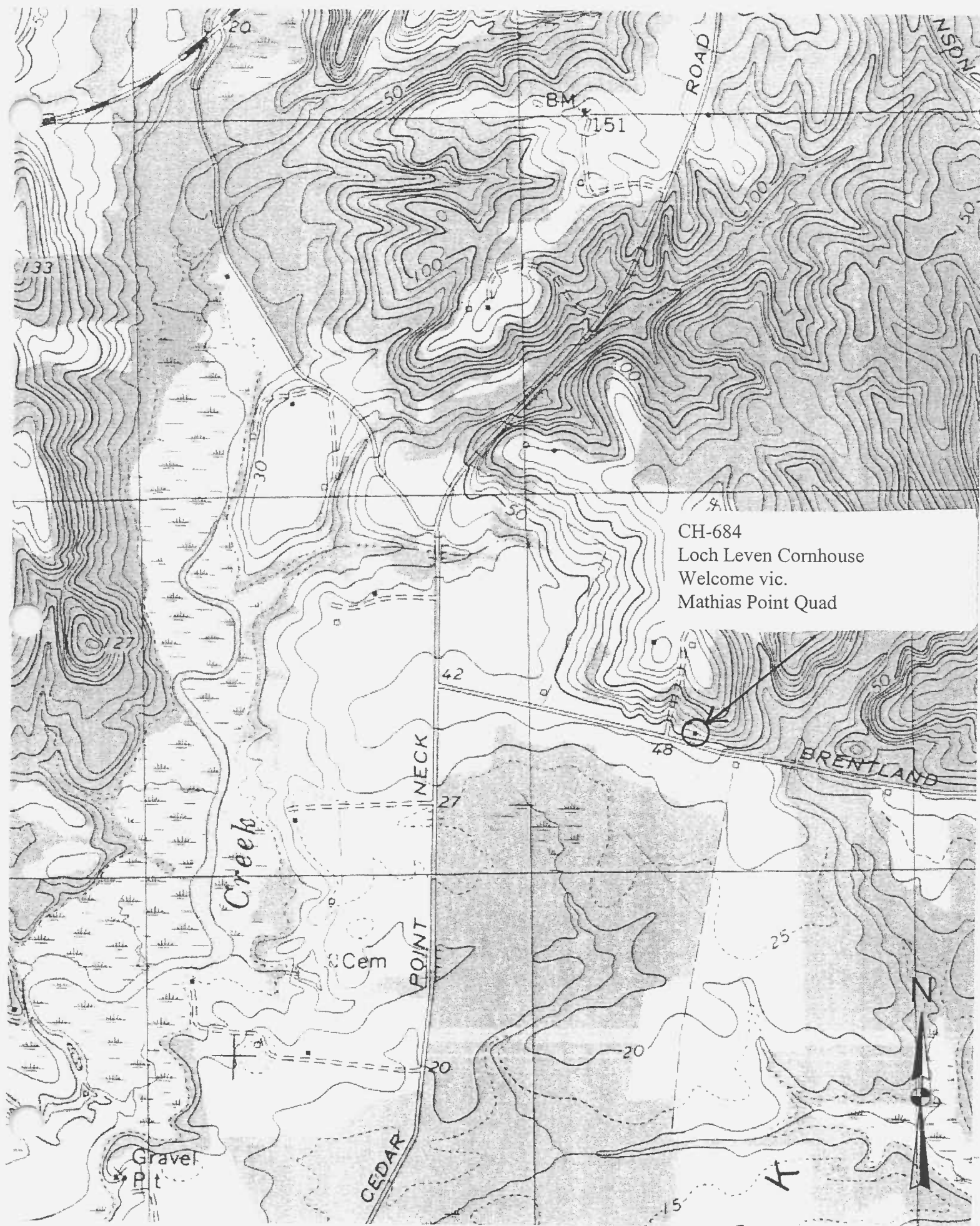
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state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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LOCH LEVEN CORNHUSE
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INTERIOR SW CORNER

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